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ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

MAY 1984

Alumni Golf Tournament Wednesday, June 20th 1984

As the Spring sunshine turns the grass to green, our thoughts soon turn to the golf course and getting our game in shape for the Annual SMCS Alumni Golf Tournament, which will again be held at Carrying Place Golf & Country Club (Highway 400 and Aurora Sideroad W.), on Wednesday, June 20th, 1984.

In the past few years, we have had in excess of ninety golfers play in our tournament, and expect an even larger turnout this year. To accommodate everyone, we have decided to start this year's tournament at 10:30 a.m., followed by a steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. This year, there will be no change in costs with Golf & Dinner being $30.00, and Golf OR Dinner only $15.00

Make up your foursomes early and complete the application form on the back page to register now. Deadline for applications will be JUNE 8th, 1984.

We would like to be able again this year to provide prizes for each and every player, so if you can provide us with a gift, please contact Paul Thomson at 889-9172.

See you June 20th!

St. Michaels Scholarship Fund Draw A Gala Event—Coming Soon

This seems to be a year for change for your Executive. We made some innovations in the annual Turkey Roll and now we hope to have a new and better approach to our Annual Scholarship Fund Draw. The gala event will be held on JUNE 1, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. in the CAFETERIA.

A donation of $50.00 will give you a chance to win, *tax free,* prizes totalling $9,000. The major prize is $5,000 with ten secondary prizes of $250.00 each. Door prizes will include a T.V., V.C.R. and Walkman's. To be eligible for these you or a representative must be present at the event and deposit that portion of the ticket in the drum at the door. You do not have to be present to win the cash prizes.

The major prize will be drawn by one of our Canadian Olympic athletes at approximately 10:15 p.m. Early Bird prizes will be drawn at 8:30 and 9:00 p.m. During the evening, alumni and their guests will be able to enjoy the food and refreshments, play blackjack and listen to the music of the GREG KELLY TRIO (grads). We will also have a booth of S.M.C. *memorabilia (hats, gym clothing etc.).* TEAM YEAR CAPTAINS will be contacting you to distribute tickets during the month of May. If you are not contacted and wish to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please call Joe Younder (653-3180) or Paul Grossi (239-3973), they will forward tickets to you.

Remember, it's for a good cause, one we know you believe in, your school. Support us by your presence or through your donation. See you Friday, June 1, 8:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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BLUE BANNER EDITOR

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COMING EVENTS

Executive meetings—2nd Tuesday of every month
6:30 p.m.—Old Boys' Room

SCHOLARSHIP DRAW
JUNE 1ST 1984
ALUMNI GOLF
Wednesday, June 20th, 1984

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Your continued support through membership fees is greatly appreciated. It plays a very important part in our efforts to keep the Old Boys' Association operating. The present level of the Scholarship Funds which we have been donating to the School is also a reflection of your support.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR $15.00 MEMBERSHIP FEE?

Where Are They Now

RON PITTS, *Area Manager for Sybron*
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Lost

Can you help us locate the following. We need their new mailing addresses. Phone the school: (653-3180)

Michael Lattanzi, Bill Scanlon, Vince Suppa.

Like Father Like Son

In a recent homeroom survey it was discovered that a number of grads have sons attending St. Mike's: Sean McCahery, Tim Paul, Mike Dilworth, Joseph and Michael Bilaniuk, Jim Hughes, Paul Smeaton, David Ed, Terry Brooks, John DeCarlo, Vince Lupo, Mike Lavelle, Mark Lavelle, William Boddy, Paul Maroney, John and Mike Rosenitsch, Matt Cronin, Jeff McAuley, Dan O'Connor, Mark Vendramini, Pat and Harold Doran, Bill McGuinness. Mike Buchanan, Paul Cobban, Matt Hallett, Richard Styka, Sean Lacey, Bob Pellettier, Mike Dowie, Mike Dunn, Chris Torella, Kevin and Pat Kielty, Mark Sheppard, Mark Glionna, John Krasnick, Neil Meyers, Justin Marshall, Sean Dignan, Tom Kenny, Greg Wilson, Tim Mohan, David Schmidt, Joe and Peter Meehan, Tim Keon, Stephen Fullan, Mark Flannagan, Mike Bonvivre, Shawn Deck, Gerry Dineen, Chris Loftus, Brendan Graham, Mike Ryan. No doubt, there are probably a few were missed. The list could go on to include, cousins, brothers and uncles. I think the point is well made. St. Michael's does have a family relationship, and a community, we are proud of it.

Turkey Roll—Successful Innovations

Games tables were successfully handled by grads this year.

The O'Brien clan was out in force—thanks to Fr. Bill for taking the pictures. Background poster(s) were done by the art department.

By Rob Grossi

As was reported in the Nov. 83 *Blue Banner* we planned to change the format of the TURKEY ROLL. This included game tables run by the Buzzers, Kerry Blues, Blue Raiders and Cross Country teams. For the most part this was a successful undertaking. Although it was difficult in locating some grads, the tables, in general were well handled. We owe a special thanks to the grads who managed them. Don't be surprised if you get a call next year. The cafeteria lounge (free coffee, comps. Peter Gorman) was slow to catch on. We had set it aside as a quiet area for grads to talk over old times. We feel it's worth trying out again next year. Barry McDermott reports that his *S.M.C. memorabilia table* did well. He feels the booth should be moved to the balcony for more exposure. Perhaps the main innovation was the introduction of the five *blackjack* tables. It's success merits a repeat next year. Although there was no administration charge, we were gratified at the number of grads who paid their annual membership ($15.00) at the door. In closing, I wish to express my personal thanks to you the grads who helped to make the night a success and a special thanks to your continuing school support. Our next big event is the *Scholarship Draw* on June 1st. See you there.

St. Michaels Sesquicentennial?

Although we are not yet 150 years old, only 132 years, we felt it would be of interest to go back into our past. the following is a letter from ED CONWAY of Burlington.

With Toronto celebrating its 150th birthday, I would like to bring up a St. Michael's event that happened in the 1933-34 hockey season, fifty years from 1984 and the year that Toronto celebrated its 100 year birthday.

St. Michael's won the Junior A title and also the Junior B title that year. Practically the entire Junior A team turned professional the next year. These two St. Michael's teams played off to pick a winner to represent Ontario in the *Memorial Cup* finals. The game was played at Maple Leaf Gardens on March 17th, 1934 with King Clancy and Joe Primeau as referees.

As I remember it, this was the first year for Junior B and it was quite a thing to be a member of this team. Also, we received the name of "Buzzers", from a Toronto Telegram reporter. It was Toronto's one hundredth birthday. Everybody received Centennial medals; however, a slight mistake was made and our medals read, St. Michael's "Buzzards".

I thought at this time the above might be of interest to you and the Old Boys.

To Put the Record Straight St. Michaels and the M.T.H.L.

By Fr. Brian Higgins C.S.B. (Athletic Director)

Alumni of the school may have noticed that a school policy concerning students playing M.T.H.L. hockey for St. Michael's recently produced some media controversy. Perhaps, I might use the pages of the *Blue Banner* to clarify an issue that was presented to the public in a somewhat confused fashion.

The policy statement that produced the outcry was St. Michael's insistance that students attending the school, who were qualified to play M.T.H.L. Major Hockey, try out for St. Michael's teams. We felt that it was important that boys coming into our grade nine class in September, not be bound to play for another organization against St. Michael's, on the basis of tryouts that would be held in the previous May.

It was apparent to us that some boys were signing Bantam cards which bound them for two years before they came to understand what St. Michael's was all about.

Our intent at St. Michael's is still to offer our students a program that will educate the whole person. All our co-curricular activities—drama, music, athletic teams, debating society—are considered to be an integral part of the school's program. We would like our students to be involved in some co-curricular activity. If that activity is Major M.T.H.L. hockey, we continue to believe that qualified students should play for St. Michael's teams and not against them. There is no question that we would sooner have a student who is not a hockey player but who is prepared to get involved in some co-curricular activity, than to have a major caliber hockey player whose loyalties are divided between the school and some other organization.

We have given an indication that students who were unwilling to play for St. Michael's perhaps ought to reconsider a decision to apply to the school. It was the public announcement of this policy which produced the controversy.

Three M.T.H.L. Teams Capture City Titles

It has to be a first for St. Mike's. *The Minor Midget AA, The Minor Midget Major* and the *Midget Major* teams have all won City championships.

The Minor Midget AA team under the direction of Old Boy, Bill Bradburn, were finalists in the *Thornhill Thunderbirds Christmas Tournament*. They then finished the season in *second place* in the Metro East division. In the City playoffs they defeated *Goulding Park* for their division championships and then the *York Toros* for the City championships.

The *Minor Midget Major* team under Brian Fullan, another S.M.C. grad, won midget tournaments in Detroit and Ottawa without a loss. They finished in *first place* in their league and then went on to win the City championship. This is the team to watch. They only lost seven games this past season.

The Midget Major team under the direction of Mark Logan, won tournaments in Brockville and Burlington, and were finalists in Peterborough. They finished *first* in their division and won the City championships by defeating the Toronto Red Wings 4 games to 3. They were *consolation finalists* in the Provincial Championships in Ottawa losing to the National Championships, North Bay.

Overall, it was a most impressive performance by all these teams. We congratulate the players, coaches and support staff for their very fine achievements. You are certainly a credit to yourselves, your school, the league and the City you have so professionally represented.

Junior "B" Round-Up

By Bill Fifield

While we will be losing a number of key players to various universities in Canada and the United States next year, a strong midget team should replenish the team roster. This year's graduates include team Captain, Junior Del Brocco, who we hope will be playing for Queen's Golden Gaels next season. His leadership will be greatly missed. The fleet Eric Orschel and the hard working Chris Callaghan, will be attending the University of Toronto, Bryan Staal, the team's leading scorer, is currently discussing his future with Plattsburg State College of New York, and Gord Cruickshank will be attending the University in Ohio. Greg Drechsel, the team's Rookie of the Year who had a phenomenal second half of the season, is going to Colgate University.

Special recognition should go to the management of this year's club. Head Coach, Ray Payne, Assistants, Bob Hyland (the man responsible for the new look in the Arena) and Al Folk and Bill Fifield (next year's coach). Special thanks to Tom Stevens and Mike McCue for their efforts in training and Wally Hirst for his continued presence and his goal judging expertise.

The Buzzers finished third in the *Fullan Division* and almost defeated Bramalea in a seventh game of the first playoff round. We all look forward to next year and your continuing support.

St. Michael's Summer Hockey School

By Barry McDermott

The 1984 St. Michael's Summer Hockey School is under the direction of Rick Cornacchia—former teacher and O.H.A. Junior "B" coach with St. Michael's Buzzers, and currently head coach of Kingston Canadians of the Ontario Hockey League.

Instructors in recent years have included Mike Harvey, Gino Cavallini, Jamie Wansbrough, Mike Gillis, Rob Ricci, Joe Jackman, Paul Gillis, Mike Strothers, Scott McClelland, Bill Fifield and Dirk Rueter. Many of these graduates will return this summer.

Campers are in the age range of 7-15 years old, and are grouped according to their age and hockey ability. The half day programs are designed to provide two full hours of ice time, together with off ice film and video-tape learning situations. Campers receive close supervision and individualize small group instruction.

Registration information and brochures are available from the school (653-3180).

Raider Hoopla

By Coach Prendergast

Perhaps the strongest group of young niners ever assembled at St. Michael's let the Dignan coached *Bantam Blue Raiders* to a fantastic 30 to 2 season, including the T.D.C.A.A. Championship. Take note of the names: Mike Lavelle, Jeff Zower and Roland Semprie—they will keep St. Mike's in the forefront of high school basketball for years to come. The *Junior Blue Raiders* also had a fine season (24 and 13) under the capable coaching tutelage of Dave Smyth and Dave Tessaro. 6' 8" Bernard Jackson, 6' 6" Eugene Basilio, two grade 10 students, let the Juniors to another T.D.C.A.A. Championship.

The Senior Blue Raiders went undefeated in league play winning 16 straight games. However, injuries to key players at the end of the season contributed to the Raiders demise in the play-offs. The Raiders will lose four starters to graduation, but there are capable replacements moving up.

FOOTNOTE: Congratulations go out to two Blue Raider players, Richard Stanley, who was selected to the *T.D.C.A.A. First Team, All Star Team,* and Luciano Scatozza, who was selected to the *T.D.C.A.A. Second Team, All Star Team.* Earlier, Richard was seleced to the *All-City, All Star Team.*

Grad Profile

(in this *Banner* issue we are proud to feature our second GRAD PROFILE on EUGENE AMARO. "Gene" was born in Toronto and has been playing professionally since the age of eight. He is proficient on most of the reed instruments, but leans heavily towards the tenor sax and the flute. Although Gene's musical education and training was in the classical field, his preferences lie mainly with jazz. He played the Toronto Hotel circuit with his own band for many years before getting into the recording business. This is his story.)

It seemed a natural step for me to go from St. Michael's Choir School to St. Michael's College in the early 50's. My interest was in music and St. Mike's was offering large band experience with some pretty good instruction in different kinds of music. Because of my Italian heritage, I couldn't help but be amused that, except for one person in the band, named Brown, it was like the Italian connection. To name a few there was: Joe Natale, Tony Italiano, Pete Meneguzzi, Art Cuccia and Andy Spatafora. Many of these band members became life long friends.

I was already an accomplished flutist and had quite a bit of musical training under Monsignor Ronan before arriving at the high school. I remember my old buddy, John Guerriere, helping me pick out my first clarinet which was to be the instrument that I picked to play in the band. I owe much to John's musical talents. He introduced me to ensemble and solo playing. As a person, he was a joy to be associated with, and this made it easy for me to learn from his wide interpretations of music in its different modes.

And who can forget Fr. Whelan. Meeting him for the first time was also an experience. Although he was not directly involved with teaching music, he was the Moderator of the band. It was his spark that made us work hard whether we wanted to or not.

Looking back now, I can honestly say St. Mike's had a fantastic mixture of discipline and creativity no matter what field you were interested in. That's why it has produced some great athletics, scholars and some good musicians too. I have come a long way from St. Mike's.

Ninety percent of my work is now done for the many jingle agencies, and film houses, including radio and television. I have worked with Rob McConnell's, Boss Brass and have performed in concert with Quincy Jones, Benny Goodman and Woody Herman. I am proud of my accomplishments but I can't help but think, if it were not for St. Mike's, I might have been doing something quite different. No doubt, as I look back, St. Mike's played a very important role in my life and has given me many wonderful experiences and friends. For this I am grateful.

To the 1984 Graduation Class

Yes, you are soon to be classified as an "old boy" and we would like to welcome you into our ranks. It is our hope that you succeed in your up-coming exams, and in the years ahead you will give us your support in our activities. A representative will visit your classroom, distribute the *Blue Banner* and aquaint you with the workings of the Old Boys' Association.

Reunion— Class of 1974

The class of 1974 is holding a reunion on Thursday, June 28th, 1984, at the Westin Hotel in Toronto. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost will be $35.00 per person, with a donation to the School planned from the proceeds.

For tickets or further information contact: Michael Church, 2045 Lakeshore Blvd. W., Toronto, Ontario M8V 2Z6. Phone: 255-7134 (home) or 366-3763 (office) or: Marty Kenny at 487-0989.

Please send your cheque to Michael Church no later than June 14th, 1984. Phone up a fellow classmate and come to renew acquaintances, and meet some of your former teachers.

St. Mike's Math Students Win Canada Wide Acclaim

By Mike Coghlan (Math. Chairman)

Steve Sculac recently led his grade 10 class in the *Cayley Math Contest* sponsored by the University of Waterloo. There were over fourteen thousand students from across Canada who participated. Steve placed 52nd. His score, combined with that of Scott Brown and Marco Clementoni, earned St. Michael's eleventh place out of over a thousand schools.

Around the School

COMING EVENTS

May 4th—Double Blue Ball.
May 4th—Fr. Redmond Track Classic at S.M.C.
May 13th—Music Festival.
May 17th—Athletic Awards' Banquet.
May 22nd—Exams, 11-12-13.
June 1st—ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP DRAW—June 1st—Cafeteria.
June 8th—Graduation.
June 29—ALUMNI DEBATE REUNION.
June 20—ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT.

FOOTBALL SWEATERS AVAILABLE

Fr. Mulcahy has some Senior sweaters. Claim your number. Phone the school.

BARRY McDERMOTT is conducting a summer BASEBALL CAMP in Leaside for Atom aged youngsters. July 2-13. Phone: 487-9914.

PRE-SEASON FITNESS

An evening pre-season hockey fitness camp will be held from August 13-24. There will be *two sessions* of one week duration.

Canadidates for professional, college, O.H.A., high school, Senior, Juvenile and Major Midget teams are invited to participate. In addition, any players interested in this hockey conditioning program are welcomed to attend the Camp. Call the school (653-3180) for details.

ICE RENTAL

Clark McLeod, Arena Manager, advises that ice is available for rent during the spring and summer months. Bookings can be made by calling (653-5806).

DEBATE REUNION

Joe Younder has announced the FIRST DEBATE REUNION of St. Mike's will take place at the school on Friday, JUNE 29th.

Can you help on a phone committee? Phone Joe (653-3180).

S.M.C. and POPE'S VISIT

Our own *Johnny Guerriere* has been chose to help "orchestrate" the Pope's visit. Students from the M.S.S.B., York, Durham, Peel and Simcoe County School Boards will audition to fill a 90 piece band.

They will be accompanied by a 10,000 voice choir at Downsview—Sat. Sept. 15.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. "MOE"

Fr. Maurice Whelan C.S.B. celebrated his 75th birthday on April 1st. That's no joke. Congratulations.

T.D.C.A.A. WRESTLING

the *Blue Knights* finished first in the Eastern Division and fourth overall in the T.D.C.A.A.

CROSS COUNTRY

For the *third* straight year the *Blue Harriers* were the top overall boys' team. They won the S.M.C., East York, T.S.S.A.A. Invitationals. Placed *first* at the McQuaid Jesuit Invitational in Rochester N.Y., won their *fifth* T.D.C.A.A. overall championship capturing Bantam, Junior and Senior titles. At OFSAA, the Bantams and Seniors placed *third*. (unofficial overall *first*) Coaches: Barry (73) Monahan (63) Tierney Farrugia (79). Congratulations.

PLEASE REGISTER ME FOR THIS YEAR'S GOLF TOURNAMENT AS FOLLOWS:

_____ for **GOLF** & **DINNER** @ $30.00 each = $ _____

_____ for **GOLF** ONLY @ $15.00 each = $ _____

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TOTAL REMITTANCE ENCLOSED: $ _____

(Make cheques payable to SMCS Alumni Golf)

I will bring a prize YES _____ NO _____

I WILL BE PLAYING WITH 1) _____

2) _____

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Name: _____ Address: _____

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